GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4019
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SHIFTING OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO CHECK POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution has reached an alarming stage in a large number of cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details indicating the level of pollution in such cities;

(c) the reaction of the Government towards increase in pollution in the said cities;

(d) whether there is any proposal to shift the Government offices to the small cities in order to ease the burden of pollution in major cities;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of the Government offices shifted to the smaller cities to ensure balanced development and to check pollution during the last two years and thereafter?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (f) : Based on the ambient air quality assessment carried out by various Pollution Control Boards, the levels of most of the regulatory pollutants are within the stipulated standards. The pollutants are found to exceed the standards in some areas during certain period. The details in respect of seven cities is given in Annexure I. The various measures taken include tightening of vehicular emission norms, improvement of fuel quality, action against the polluting industries, installation of Common Effluent Treatment Plants and Sewage Treatment Plants. Action has also been initiated for management of municipal solid waste, bio-medical waste and hazardous waste. The strategy to control pollution entails regulatory and promotional measures to check air, water, land and noise pollution from various sources like industrial pollution, vehicular emissions and other human activities. In the National Capital Region Plan, the decentralisation of the economic activities in the core city was stipulated which included shifting of Government offices to satellite towns.

ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4019 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2002 REGARDING SHIFTING OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO CHECK POLLUTION.

City name	2000			2001			2002(Jan-Oct)		
	RSPM	NOx	SO2	RSPM	NOx	SO2	RSPM	NOX	SO2
Ahmedabad	197	25	8	198	36	10	161	36	9
Bangalore	109	47	22	87	26	11	65	25	12
Chennai	63	15	8	66	11	7	38	8	6
Delhi	154	29	16	120	29	14	125	31	11
Hyderabad	87	21	13	77	23	12	55	22	7
Kolkata	121	30	14	102	66	16	104	69	10
Mumbai	110	29	9	81	25	12	56	14	9

Source : CPCB/SPCBs/NEERI